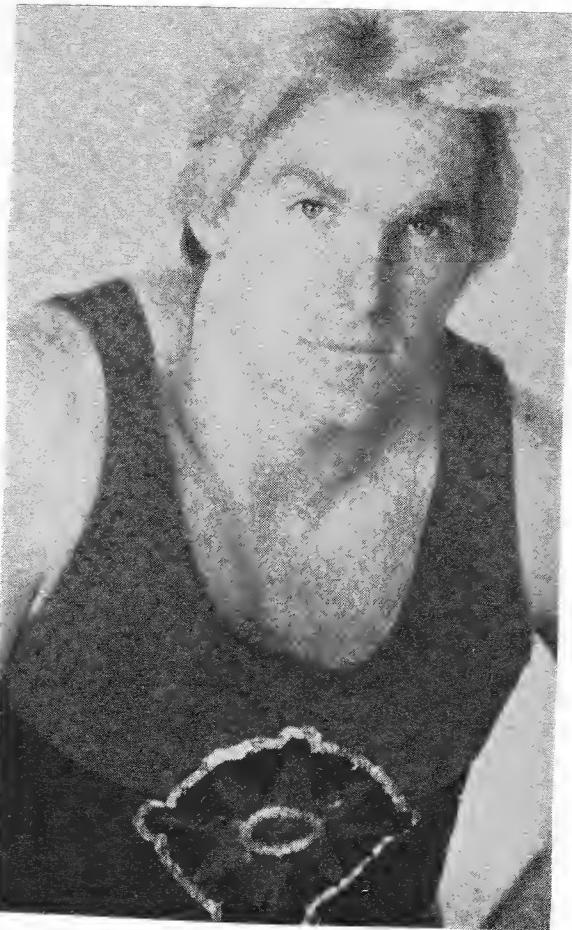


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FLASH GORDON!

The new movie a lot of science fiction fans have been waiting for is finally out: Flash Gordon. Reported to be made at a cost of 30 million, it opened in Oklahoma December 5th. The movie stars Sam Jones as Flash, a relatively unknown actor. Dale Arden, Flash's sweet heart, is played by Melody Anderson, another unknown. The plot of the movie is generally good vs. evil. The villain Ming the Merciless is far off on the planet Mongo. Flash and Dale must join forces with the Forestmen of Arboria a type of Robin Hood people, and the Hawkmen of Sky City, men with wings, to defeat Ming. It's mostly like the 1930's serials, but with a few 80's changes. Flash is a New York Jets quarterback, Dale is a Lois Lane type character, and Dr. Hans Zarkov, another member of the group, is a discredited NASA scientist. The script has sort of a "camp" feel to it. In other words, like the movie is not really taken seriously. A good example of "camp" is the television show Batman. The movie boasts good special effects, and excellent music by the rock group Queen. Most of the movie's sets and costumes date back to the 30's Flash Gordon serials. The spaceships are nearly exactly like the old Flash continuing comics; bulbous, streamline, filled with detail and a lot of fins. George Lucas, the creator of the Science Fiction hit Star Wars, originally wanted to make a Flash Gordon movie, but could not obtain the rights to the character. After this he decided to write his own space story and the result was Star Wars, the biggest box office smash of all time. But with all the delays and changes, the movie version of Flash Gordon is a star bound hit. See it!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Sam(Flash Gordon) Jones

New Science Fiction Books Hit Book Stores

Five new Science Fiction books are now available. They are;

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The Flash Gordon Book- includes photos and story (Aimed at younger readers)

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S.F. STORY

WARP

The night was quiet except for the subtle sounds that make up the night. He was sitting in the hospital room which he had called his home for the past three years. His name was Alexander Bixby. He had been the victim of an unbelievably terrible auto crash and now he was not only paralyzed from the waist down but worst of all he was a madman full of hate.

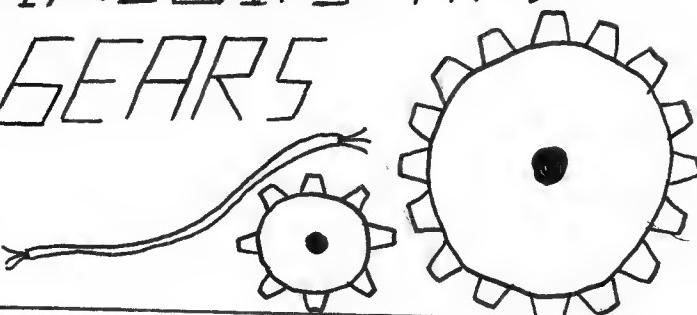
All this time the only thing he could do was use his brain and he had finally perfected a method by which he could harness his great brains' power. Now as he sat in his wheel chair he concentrated. He concentrates so hard that his face turned red and he sweat profusely. Just at the height of his concentration he threw his head back and screamed. A nurse ran to his aid but just as she reached him she disappeared. Another nurse ran in. "Are you all right, Mr. Bixby?"

"Yes," he replied weakly for the warp was over.

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BITS OF SCIENCE FICTION INFORMATION

STAR TREK FANS! Here are 2 interesting pieces of information. Did you know that Warp 12 is 321,998,752 miles per second? If you would like to figure out more Warp speeds, the formula to do so is: Warp number \times 196,294 (the speed of light). Next, you may have noticed the Stardate on this issue. The way you figure out Stardates follows:

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"ALTERED STATES": A movie about human metamorphosis is comming soon!

This month is Marvel Comics 19th anniversary, but next year on their 20th anniversary all the Marvel comics will have more pages.

Next issue of the Galactic Gazette will have a cover story on Detective Comics number 500, making it one of the longest comics ever. Also the continuation of "WARP", and more great comics. Be sure not to miss our 2nd issue!

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